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June 26, 2003

Ms. Rica Lewis-Payton Executive Director, Division of Medicaid Office of the Governor Suite 801, Robert E. Lee Building 239 North Lamar Street Jackson, Mississippi 39201-1399

Dear Ms. Lewis-Payton:

This is in response to your June 25, 2003, request for a temporary extension of the Independent Living Home and Community Based Waiver (#0255.90). The current waiver is scheduled to expire on June 29, 2003.

In order to provide adequate time to review additional materials submitted in response to our request for information, we are granting a 90-day extension through September 27, 2003. This extension allows the continuation of services at the cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program with Federal financial participation.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-7414.

Sincerely,

Terrie Morris Waiver Specialist Medicaid and SCHIP Policy Branch Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

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